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The following seem to be clear violations of the source and amount limitations imposed by federal law. FEC regulations do contemplate an individual running for both state and federal office at the same time but remain very clear that one can only raise and spend state funds for the state candidacy.

However, Bill Stouffer is not running for state office although the committee is filed for an unspecified statewide primary in 2012. Thus any expenditures from this committee would clearly be geared toward his federal candidacy and violate state and federal law on the use of excess state campaign funds.

A friend who has requested to remain anonymous gave me the attached fundraising letter which references a poll. I have also been told that he has brought up this polling information in several speeches to the public.

His FEC OCT 15 Quarterly report shows no expenditure for polling.

However, in his July MEC report he shows \$7500 paid to Axiom Strategies for the quarter. What does a termed-out state senator need with high priced consultant if he is not polling? Using state funds to pay for a federal poll is a major violation of FEC law. Even if exploratory this activity falls under the jurisdiction of the FEC.

He still has a state campaign committee that is doing business even after he filed his FEC paperwork on 8/12 and he is using it to clearly benefit his federal race:

- 1). On 8/19 according to his MEC quarterly report, the campaign buys a Garmin, after he formed his federal committee on 8/12. The Garmin is obviously being used for federal campaign purposes.
- 2). On 8/17 the campaign makes a donation to attend the Republican Women's Conference to a Republican committee. He attended as a candidate for Congress. This is a violation of FEC rules governing the use of state campaign dollars in a federal race.
- 3) He continues to raise money for his state committee even after he filed his federal committee. These funds are clearly being used to benefit his federal campaign.

Michael Mahoney of KMBC 9 News ran a story in August regarding the Stouffer Report (Senator Stouffer's taxpayer-subsidized legislative report) being filled with federal issues and directly attacking Congressman Ike Skelton. This report is now being sent to people outside of his state senate district, which is not normal for a state senator. He continues to send this report to numerous high ranking Republicans in the Fourth Congressional District. Taxpayer dollars are clearly being used to help his federal campaign and is a violation of FEC and MEC rules and regulations.

State Senate staffers Aaron Baker and Heidi Kolkmeier are state employees who are working for the federal campaign. Heidi Kolkmeier is scheduling the Senator's fundraising appointments from a phone (860-351-2663) registered to Reece and Nichols, a real estate agency in his district. This scheduling is taking place during normal working hours. Although not recorded on his FEC report, this is an in-kind contribution from a corporation, and it is illegal. Also, no leave slips exist for Mrs. Kolkmeier and yet she continues to schedule campaign visits and attends campaign functions with Senator Stouffer.

Chief of Staff Aaron Baker is attending Republican events during normal working hours. Several members of the Missouri media have written about his twittering and e-mailing during normal working hours about campaign matters. No leave slips of any kind can be found, according to the Senate Office.

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for Mr. Baker over the past several months. Also the Senator's Capitol office is often closed during the middle of the day, and even when it is open Mr. Baker seems to not be in the office. However, he can be found many times during the day entering the offices of James Harris, the fundraising consultant to Bill Stouffer for Congress. This employee is clearly on state payroll but is spending the vast majority of his time working for the campaign.

Please find attached the sources used to prove that several MEC and FEC violations have occurred. I firmly believe that Senator Stouffer and his senate staff have violated the public's trust. Senator Stouffer is clearly using his state campaign funds to benefit his federal campaign. This is a major violation of federal campaign laws. Not only is it one violation, but it is multiple violations. However, the most serious charge is that taxpayer-paid staffers are not working for the State of Missouri, but are working for Stouffer for Congress.

State of Missouri County of Johnson

I, Chris Brockway, being duly sworn state that the information in this complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Chris Brockway

Signature of Complainant

Warrensburg MO 64093

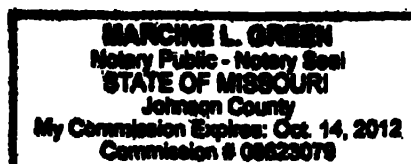
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 2009.

My commission expires: 10-14-2012

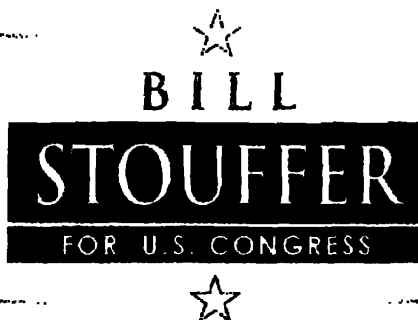
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We call them *Patriots*. They were folks like you and me – farmers, small business owners and doctors – who said, “**enough is enough!**” Clinging to their Bibles and guns, they sacrificed their homes, families, and their own lives for independence.

The revolutionary war that established our republic was not between liberals or conservatives. Like today, the real battle was balanced between big and small government.

Politics is a battle of ideas, not personalities. While I respect Ike Skelton as a statesman, I can no longer support his voice as ours in Washington D.C. For this reason, **I have decided to put my name on the ballot for Congress.**

According to the *Washington Post*, in 1995 Skelton voted with Democrats in Congress 65% of the time. Only 4% of Congress could hold that claim. Today it's 97.3%. He even votes with Speaker Pelosi 95% of the time.

Skelton's support of a cap-and-tax plan that could raise our electric bills by 90%, his siding with union bosses to bring Detroit-style workplaces to Missouri by ending secret ballot workplace elections, and bailouts for banks, automakers, and whoever is next in line, makes him vulnerable in 2010.

If you think the government-gone-wild struggled with “Cash for Clunkers,” just wait until it is in charge of health care choices for you and your family!

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I have served Western Missouri in the state's senate since 2005. I am considered a leader in agriculture and transportation issues and serve as the chair of the Republican Caucus. I have also led our caucus in veterans' issues.

I am not a slick politician; I have been a farmer all my life. As Ike's state senator representing the only Democrat-leaning portion of his district, I feel I am in a unique position to win this race. Polling data shows that there is a path to victory, given the right climate and fundraising to meet goals in targeted television ads.

My campaign will be a fiscally conservative one. You will not receive full color fundraising letters from my desk. Rather, we will spend money on television and radio ads contrasting my stance **against** the liberal majority in Washington, D.C.

Our fundraising goals to meet these needs are steep. I hope to have over \$100,000 raised by September 30, 2009. I realize you have worked hard for what you have; however, with each passing day I am convinced if we do not do something now, our kids and grandkids will not have the same opportunities as generations past.

I know most folks will not be able to give the \$9,600 amount per couple to cover both elections in one check. However, it will take that and the **\$1,000, \$250, \$100, and \$25 checks to win this campaign.** Even \$5 shows one more household supports the cause.

I believe outrage in the battle of small v. big government is festering in the heartlands of this nation. It is time for good men and women to stand up and say, "enough is enough." Will you join me in this battle?

Sincerely,


Bill Stouffer
State Senator, Dist. 21

Don't Forget: For every dollar you contribute I can reach at least one voter, one time. For \$100, I can send 200 mailers, or make 2,000 phone calls or buy 75 yard signs. How many voters will you help me reach?

Paid for by Stouffer for Congress

Below is an E-Mail from Heidi to [REDACTED] which clearly states the meeting is for campaign purposes. Also shows that she has an official position with the campaign (Scheduler) Our research team cannot find any leave slips filled out by her with the State of Missouri.

The phone number is traced to a real-estate company that she also works for.

Stouffer's senate office says that her title is the Director of Constituent Services.

Missouri Secretary of State's Office gave us this and said it was current:

Kolkmeier, Heidi M, senators' staff, \$35,020
(LEGISLATURE-OPERATING : *Senate*) FTE

We know that she makes scheduling calls for prospective donors and for all campaign stops.

Legal Council says that if she is making calls from the real estate office this would need to be recorded as an in-kind contribution as the campaign would be getting free phone and office services. They did not do this in their last FEC report hence it is a violation. Company might be willing to turn over phone records if they knew their employee was violating federal law.

Stouffer does not have a district office from what we can find. So she is either making the calls from the real estate office or she is doing it from home. While we cannot find any other state employee that gets to work from home.

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Rumble in the 4th District

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the increasingly loud criticism of U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Lexington, from the state and national GOP.

The criticism was odd, because Skelton usually isn't in the political cross hairs. It also seemed strange that Republicans would spend time and money attacking a lawmaker that won re-election last year with over 60 percent of the vote.

Strange, of course, unless there was going to be a serious effort to unseat him.

Skelton's district - which runs includes Jefferson City, some Lake of the Ozarks counties and parts of southwest Missouri - is a fairly Republican district. "MO-4" is home to a number of sitting Republican legislators that could hypothetically challenge the veteran Democratic congressman.

So far, there's been rumblings from at least two pols about challenging Skelton in next year's election cycle.

The first possibility is state Rep. Tom Self. Springfield News-Leader reporter Chad Livengood reported a few weeks ago that the Cole Camp Republican was mulling a bid against Skelton. The term-limited state representative, according to Livengood, is perturbed about a ban on youth-sized motorcycles and ATVs.

Another possibility is Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton. Aaron Baker, an aide to Stouffer, sent out a tweet two days ago pointing out a Facebook group called "Draft Stouffer for Congress." The group was started by Central Methodist University student Rachael Selby and currently has over 110 members.

It's hard to ascertain intentions through Facebook. But it is worth noting that the last person to have a "draft" group on Facebook - Ed Martin - announced yesterday that he was launching an exploratory committee to run against U.S. Rep. Russ Carnahan, D-St. Louis.

Stouffer, a farmer by trade, represents a pretty large state Senate district stretching from Howard County to the Kansas City exurbs. His district includes Skelton's home county of Lafayette. As the chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, Stouffer is best known around the Missouri Capitol for dealing with transportation-related issues.